

## Nixon Seeking New Vice President



**LIFE GOES ON:** Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accompanied by Mrs. Agnew, leaves a Randallstown, Md. funeral home where the body of his half-brother, W. Roy Pollard, was awaiting burial. Agnew visited the funeral home within hours after his resignation as vice president. (AP Wirephoto)

## Agnew Quits Before Pleading Guilty To Tax Evasion

By JEAN HELLER  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon sought the counsel of Republicans and top Democrats today on a vice presidential successor to Spiro T. Agnew, who quit admitting federal income tax evasion.

Nixon has told the political leaders he wants by tonight any suggestions or advice they have on naming a nominee to succeed Agnew. Nixon also has sought the advice of congressional leaders on procedures for picking a new vice president.

The Constitution says only that a nomination will be made by the president and is subject to the approval of both houses of Congress.

After talking with the President Wednesday evening, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said Nixon expected to nominate a successor later this week or early next week.

Mansfield and House Speaker Carl Albert, D-Okla., met with Nixon after a meeting the President had with four top Republican congressional leaders — Sens. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, and Reps. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan and Leslie C. Arends of Illinois.

Agnew resigned Wednesday afternoon shortly before he faced U.S. District Court Judge Walter E. Hoffman in a Baltimore courtroom.

Agnew pleaded no contest to a criminal tax evasion charge that he filed a false joint income tax statement for 1967 that reported income of \$26,099 and taxes of \$6,416, when in fact his income was \$55,599 and he owed taxes of \$19,967.

Reading from a prepared statement held in trembling hands, Agnew told Hoffman, "I did receive payments in 1967 which I failed to report for the purposes of income taxation... At no time have I enriched myself at the expense of the public trust."

Hoffman said he regarded Agnew's no contest plea as an admission of guilt.

"As far as the court is involved, the defendant is on trial for willful evasion of income taxes for the calendar year 1967, which charge is a felony in the eyes of the law," the judge said. "He has entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) which, so far as this criminal prosecution is concerned, is the full equivalent of the plea of guilty."

Hoffman sentenced Agnew to three years unsupervised probation and fined him \$10,000.

Agnew's resignation and plea were his part of an agreement reached with Justice Department officials who agreed not to pursue charges of bribery, extortion and conspiracy against him. Atty. Gen. Elliot L. Richardson had personally directed the federal investigation of Agnew and described the evidence as damaging.

In an unusual move, the Justice Department released

through the court a 40-page document detailing the evidence amassed against Agnew on all charges, including those that were dropped.

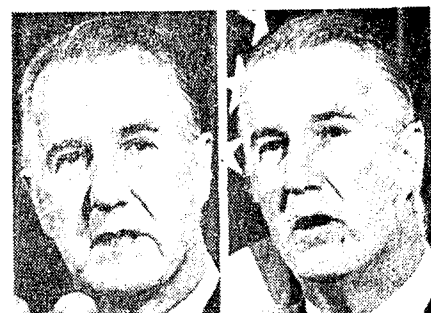
The document charged that for 10 years Agnew sought and accepted thousands of dollars in cash kickbacks from consulting engineers in Maryland.

According to the document, Agnew received half of the kickback funds, with the rest being split between two of Agnew's associates.

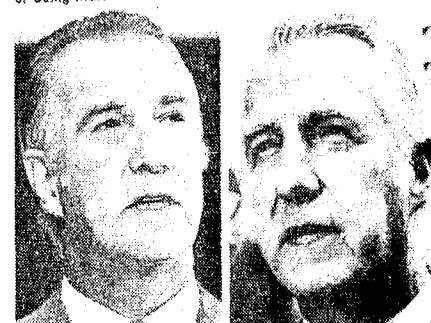
Agnew said he was innocent of all the charges except the one on which he entered his plea.

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Aug. 8 - 'I have no expectation of being indicted.' Aug. 21 - 'I will fight to prove my innocence...'



Sept. 29 - 'I will not resign even if I am indicted.' Oct. 10 - 'I have today resigned the Office of Vice President'



**POSSIBLE AGNEW SUCCESSORS:** These Republican leaders are among those mentioned by observers as possible successors to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned Wednesday. But some Republicans caution that President Nixon may reach beyond the most obvious possibilities. Pictured from left, top row: Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird; Senate GOP Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania; former Secretary of State William Rogers; former Treasury Secretary John Connally. Bottom from left: California Gov. Ronald Reagan; New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller; House Minority Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan; and Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona. (AP Wirephoto)

## Fierce Battles Rage On 2 Israeli Fronts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli forces crossed the 1967 cease-fire line on the Golan Heights today and attacked Syrian armored and infantry forces guarding the road to Damascus, the Israeli military

command announced.

Israel also reported its gunboats shelled Latakia, Syria's chief port, and the Banias terminal for the Iraqi oil pipeline, during the night and its commandos crossed the Suez Canal

for a hit-and-run raid on "convoys and rear echelons" behind the Egyptian lines.

The Israeli command gave no indication how far its forces had advanced toward the Syrian capital, which is less than 40 miles across a flat plain from the cease-fire line.

Syrian communiques made no mention of the Israeli ground advance. But they said Syrian jet fighters and anti-aircraft batteries were in "continuous battle" with the Israeli air force and in two and a half hours had brought down 41 Israeli planes.

Israel gave no report of its air losses.

Egypt reported a raging tank

battle in the Sinai Desert that began Wednesday afternoon and continued until noon today. It claimed that 25 Israeli tanks and halftracks were destroyed. The Israeli state radio reported "concentrated activity" on the Sinai front, with exchanges of tank and artillery fire, but said "the situation is the same as yesterday."

Syria said the Israeli boats attacked the port at Latakia and the oil pipeline terminal at Banias and "were engaged by our naval forces and coast guns for two hours." The Syrians claimed eight of the Israeli boats were sunk, and "the attack also resulted in the sinking of the Greek commercial ship Murghot."

Neither Syrian nor Israel admitted any naval losses.

Israel also reported that its jets went back into action at dawn on the Syrian front, attacking Syrian armored forces

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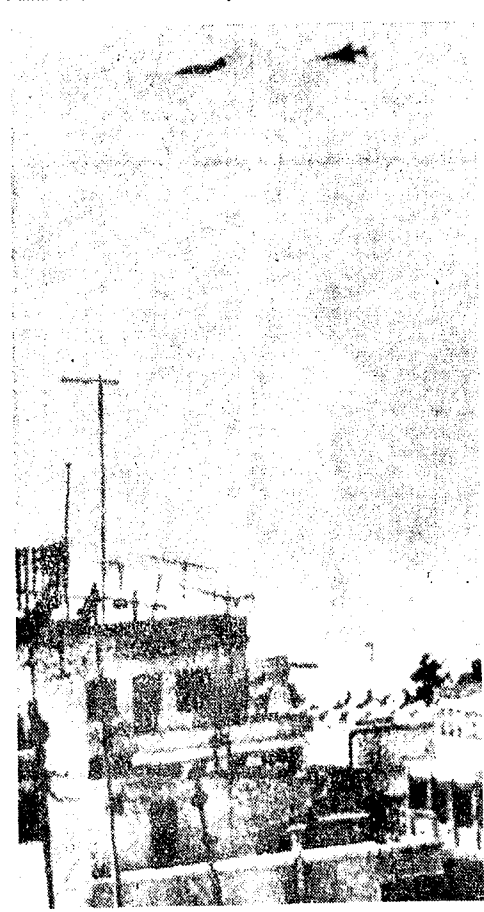
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### Winning Numbers

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in the regular Michigan weekly lottery drawing today were 928-401.

Persons holding lottery tickets with the numbers 462-730 automatically qualified today for prizes of \$3,000 each.



**ISRAELI JETS OVER LEBANON:** Two Israeli Phantom jets fly over Beirut Wednesday. There were reports Wednesday of clashes between Israeli and Syrian aircraft over Lebanon. (AP Wirephoto)

## Resignation 'Surprises' Area Residents

Although Spiro Agnew's troubles with the Justice department were well known, yesterday's development generally were considered a surprise by citizens in the Twin City area interviewed by this newspaper.

Surprise was voiced by State Sen. Charles O. Zollar and State Rep. Harry Gast, Jr. State Rep. Ray Mittan went further. He was "astounded."

A roving reporter interviewed citizens in downtown St. Joseph, Fairplain Plaza and Jewel-Osco stores in Benton township.

The reporter found expressions of regret and humor. The politicians contacted by telephone thought it would make their jobs tougher but said that all officeholders shouldn't be put in the same boat with Agnew.

A woman who declined to give her name cracked: "Maybe he'll stop hitting people with golf

balls now."

Here are some of the reactions from politicians and the public:

State Sen. Charles O. Zollar (R-Benton Harbor) — "It came as a surprise after the vice president's statement that he would not resign even if he were indicted. It makes it very difficult for this country considering all the problems we face both domestically and in the Middle East. The case hasn't enhanced the image of public officials and it will make following elections more difficult. I'm sure Democrats will look with a jaundiced eye at

anyone President Nixon nominates for vice president." State Rep. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph) — "One would have to say it came as a surprise because it was contrary to what the vice president has been saying. I don't think all politicians should be painted with

the same brush. We should be judged individually."

State Rep. Ray Mittan (R-Benton Harbor) — "I'm very disappointed about it. 'Astounded' is the word. But the Agnew case shouldn't reflect on Republican officeholders in general, although I'm sure

many will try to connect the party with it. I hope the president comes up with somebody the congress can agree upon. If he doesn't, that gives us Carl Albert as next in line, and we can do without

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## Editorial Page

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### Even In Disgrace, Agnew Tries To Hide In Rhetoric

With epithets for his foes like "pusillanimous pussycats," Spiro Agnew made polysyllabic alliteration a part of American political name-calling.

It is, therefore, only poetic justice if the ex-vice president's detractors now call him mendacious malefactor and pompous punk.

Agnew had the gall to feign anger and protest his innocence even after pleading guilty yesterday to income tax evasion. It stretches credulity to accept his explanation that his guilty plea and resignation were undertaken solely for the good of the country.

U. S. District Attorney James Thompson of Chicago, a fellow Republican, carefully examined the 42 pages of sworn testimony delineating accusations of extortion and bribery against the former vice president, then said:

"The man is plainly and simply a crook."

Young Thompson, incidentally, has had some experience in judging political crooks. He has won fame for obtaining convictions of several big wheels, including Federal Judge Otto Kerner, former Democratic governor of Illinois, on a bribe count.

Relative to the case against Agnew, Thompson said:

"I have never seen a stronger case of bribery." And he added, "The country and the party are well rid of this man."

Only two weeks ago in Los Angeles, his voice resonant with righteous indignation, Agnew told a wildy-cheering convention of Republican women, "I am innocent of the charges against me. I will not resign if indicted!"

Yesterday, he simultaneously resigned the vice presidency and pleaded "no contest" — the same as guilty so far as the criminal context of the case goes — to the charge of income tax invasion.

In return, he got a slap on the wrist — \$10,000 fine and three years probation, plus a guarantee the federal government won't further prosecute him on the graft charges contained in the indictment.

The plea-bargained deal came after Atty.-Gen. Elliot Richardson asked the federal court for "compassion" and explained to the public that he wanted to spare the nation the "agony of a long trial." Judge Walter Thompson said he felt it would "shake public confidence" to jail a man who had been vice president.

One thing is certain: it's good that Agnew has been swiftly removed from any chance of succeeding to the

presidency. The "deal" may have been the best way to handle the whole affair. But it's hard to accept the thesis that high elective office should spare a man from the full force of prosecution. The people put special trust in those they elect to govern them. Betrayal of that trust should bring more severe punishment, if anything.

Agnew made the term "radie-libs" a byword. Radie-libs, he explained, are citizens who can be "depended upon to vote against the interests of law and order," the latter another catch phrase he helped popularize.

Well, the indictment of Agnew claims he was getting kickbacks from Maryland contractors even after he became vice president. It's unlikely Agnew would give up the great office of the vice presidency and cop a plea unless the Justice Department had him cold.

Publicly, even the Democrats and liberals that Agnew ridiculed will probably follow the line that Agnew's fall is too serious to laugh about, a "tragedy of history" as Judge Hoffman put it. But at least in private there'll be much chortling over the fact Agnew's fine tailor and good barber could not forever hide a hypocrite.

Some rabid supporters may find it hard to disavow Agnew. He was a great fund-raiser and vote-getter for the GOP. And he did say a lot of valid things when he campaigned for law, order and decency.

But it will be self-defeating sour grapes for defenders to claim Agnew's "no worse than lots of Democrats; they just didn't get caught." Of course, that's true. But the fact is that Agnew's life biggest fish of either party every caught, only a heartbeat away from the highest office in the land.

The fact is, too, that Agnew betrayed the very ideals for which many people and organizations, like this newspaper, supported him. The best thing to do is acknowledge the humiliation and hope Agnew gets lost in one of buddy Frank Sinatra's overseas pads.

He may not get out of the woods that easy. Maryland officials haven't pledged Agnew immunity from prosecution on the bribery and extortion charges. He could be indicted under state law, although that seems unlikely in view of the traditionally sordid condition of Maryland politics.

President Nixon and Congress now have the task of selecting a new vice president. The way political scandals have been piling up the last couple years, maybe they ought to give all the candidates truth serum first.

### Hidden Treasure May Lie In Attic Or Closet

Want to buy a treadle-power sewing machine? You may have to wait in line for one, and if there is a shortage of them it might not necessarily be because of any sentimental nostalgia craze.

Threats of a heating fuel shortage and the reality of government rationing systems had led to a boom in the sales of wood-burning stoves and suppliers reportedly cannot fill all of their orders. The situation is expected to cause a firewood shortage.

It's simple 1973 economics: Whatever substitute you find for what you've been using is going to be in short supply rather quickly. Ad infinitum.

There may be many of those big, cast-iron stoves tucked away in the homes of those who favor antique furnishings. Perhaps some have been converted to liquor cabinets or are being used to house television receivers. Presumably these will be recalled from this sort of retirement and will be going back to work as honest slaves.

If it turned out that there was a real energy shortage, with electricity rationed, a lot of hurricane lanterns that had been turned into decorative planters could experience a reincarnation and become lamps again. This, naturally, would cause a shortage of planters.

A horse, a horse! Of course. But if many people started using horses to relieve a gasoline shortage, there could be a problem in finding an adequate supply of buggy whips.

### They Understand

Inflation is best understood by those who have priced gold coins at a coin dealer's recently.

Tesguino, a beer made from sprouted corn, is important to the Tarahumara people of northern Mexico. The shaman uses it when blessing people, animals, fields, or the harvest. When someone needs a big job done, like weeding a field, he invites friends to drink the beverage; they do the work and receive tesguino in return. National Geographic reports in its new book, "Primitive Worlds."

### Concerned Voters



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### SJ GIRL TO BE GUEST ON BOZO CIRCUS

— 1 Year Ago —  
Miss Debra Fairleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairleigh of 1332 Timberlane, St. Joseph, will be a guest performer during BOZO CIRCUS. Friday, Oct. 13, on Channel 9 TV at noon.  
Miss Fairleigh will be ap-

pearing as the result of winning the title of Miss Majorette of Chicago during the Chicago Lakefront Festival sponsored by Mayor Richard Daley.

#### TEENAGERS PARTY BROKEN UP

— 10 Years Ago —  
A teen-age beer party on the beach below Lakeshore road at

the foot of Vail court was raided by St. Joseph police about 10:40 p.m. Wednesday. Four youths were arrested.

About 70 boys and girls were at the scene of revelry near the St. Joseph high school, estimated Detective Lieutenant Tom Cooper. It was a "mass exodus of people running in all directions. Some hid in the weeds and behind culverts," said Cooper.

#### DAN MATHER GROWS BEST GARDEN

— 29 Years Ago —  
Dan Mather of 703 Lake boulevard, who this year raised over two tons of vegetables, worth \$200, in his two Victory gardens, was today announced as the best local winner of the Green Thumb contest in St. Joseph. This is a local branch of the nationally-sponsored Victory garden contest.

"To relieve the food shortage and ease the transportation situation," Mr. Mather put in 770 hours of work in his gardens this year, producing more than enough vegetables for table use.

#### ATTEND WORLD SERIES

— 39 Years Ago —  
The Burton G. Starks have gone to St. Louis, Mo., former home of Mr. Starks, to attend the World Series and visit his relatives.

#### INVITATIONS ISSUED

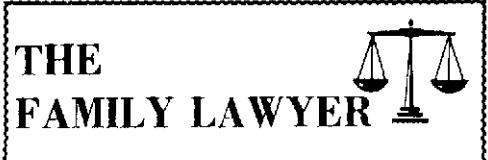
— 49 Years Ago —  
St. Joseph Elks issued invitations for an autumn frolic this week at Silver Beach.

#### PLAN CHRISTMAS SHIP

— 59 Years Ago —  
St. Joseph school children will take part in the "Christmas Ship" movement which is being taken up by benevolent societies and schools all over the country to bring comfort and good cheer to the children of the European war zone, suffering untold hardships from the terrible conflicts now raging in France, Serbia and Russia.

#### IN CIGARS

— 82 Years Ago —  
Last week the winners of the Audubon Gun club were Messrs. Ray and Burkhard, who received a box of fine Havanas.



#### Ambulance Rights

Driving home from work, Harold crashed into an ambulance at a busy intersection. In short order he found himself facing a charge of "failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle."

But in court, Harold came up with the following facts in his own defense:

- 1) that the traffic light had been in his favor;
- 2) that he had not heard the siren because he had his windows up and his radio on; and
- 3) that he had not seen the ambulance until the last moment, because other cars were obscuring his vision.

Under these circumstances the court could find nothing negligent in Harold's conduct, and dismissed the charge.

Traffic codes generally do give special privileges to ambulances. However, these privileges are not absolute. In case of a collision between an ambulance and a private car, the court will weigh the entire

situation on its merits. Furthermore, ambulances have privileges only when there is (or at least appears to be) a true emergency.

Thus, in another case, an ambulance that was merely returning to its home office was held not entitled to go through a stop sign.

And an ambulance transporting a patient to the hospital, with no apparent need for haste, was held not entitled to disregard a red light.

Still, in most situations, the ambulance's right-of-way will be upheld. One indignant citizen decided this preference was a form of unfair discrimination against the motoring public. But when he challenged it in court, the judge held that he had no kick coming.

"The grant of special privileges to an emergency vehicle," said the judge, "is a proper exercise of the police power of the state. When human life may be at stake, prompt performance of the duties imposed upon drivers of emergency vehicles is imperative."

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and State Bar of Michigan. Written by Will Bernard.

### U.S. House Okays D.C. Home Rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has voted to turn most of Washington, D.C., into a largely self-governed city, creating a special federal enclave out of certain government areas.

The new enclave would cover the Capitol, White House, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and five military posts. It would be run by a presidentially appointed director.

The rest of the city would be run by a locally elected mayor and city council for the first time since 1874, although Congress would control its budget.

The House approved the self-government bill 343 to 74. It must be compromised with a Senate-passed bill that also would give the city a locally elected mayor and city council but would not set up federal areas within the city.

The capital enclave, to be known as the National Capital Service Area, was proposed by Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., who said "this shall forever be the federal city."

#### Phase 4 Upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ruling against a group of gasoline retailers, a special federal appeals court has upheld the government's system of Phase 4 gasoline price ceilings.

### 20% Of Records Can Be Salvaged

OVERLAND, Mo. (AP) — Only 20 per cent of the records of former servicemen and women damaged in a four-day fire at the Military Personnel Records Center can be salvaged, according to the center's acting director. "But we're optimistic that no veterans will lose any benefits as a result," Warren Griffin said Wednesday.

### Medicare Will Cost Aged More

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-three million aged and disabled persons on Medicare will have to pay an additional \$103 million out of their pockets for hospital care next year, according to new government figures. Broken down, the figures show a Medicare patient will have to pay the first \$84 of his or her hospital bills, or \$12 more than the present \$72 charge.

### Bruce Blossom

### Misdeeds Are Rampant In U.S.



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One of the unfortunate offshoots of the Watergate affair is that it is much harder now to talk of other misconduct, much of it ranging beyond politics, without seeming to alibi that "everybody does it."

Of course we have a right to expect the highest example of good conduct from our public officials, and most particularly from the President of the United States and his associates. And, of course, many who voice outrage are wholly honorable citizens who stand on unassailable moral ground.

Yet the broad public record of behavior today suggests that countless Americans must surely be grossly hypocritical if they are among those clucking their tongues over dismal violations of law and ethics revealed by Watergate.

For we live in an age when shucking misdeeds of many sorts, grading all the way from major crime to just plain brutal selfishness, are widespread. Moreover, much of this misbehavior is treated, sometimes in quite high and responsible circles of influence or authority, with an unwarranted tolerance, or indifference, or a shrugging attitude of helplessness.

Every day the episodes pile up. And for every one you hear about, there are thousands unreported or undiscovered.

Take one week for starters. I learned from a close relative that her small mountain cabin, a longtime dream just realized, had been stripped clean of all

but its heaviest furnishings. One of ten such depredations in recent times. Result: cabin on the market, dream gone, official suggestions that nothing can be done to stop such thievery.

In the same span, Washington's Star-News carried a story of sickening vandalism visited upon a celebrated old cemetery where lie buried many famous figures. The misdeeds went to the point of ripping open coffins and stealing jewelry from skeletal remains.

And there was an astounding report on so-called "telephone freaks," who have learned to employ trick devices to make calls without charge. The telephone companies are being defrauded of millions while some of these "freaks" meet openly, like an august body of scientists, to spread the word how to be crooked. The worst part of the story is that the defrauders run the gamut, from misguided youths who think a "new morality" in corporations will be a consequence of their personal immorality, to allegedly respectable businessmen (some stockbrokers were cited) who think it quite acceptable to cut corners at every turn.

Let's not hide behind percentages which purport to show only a minor part of society involved. Immorality is widely pervasive among Americans. It is no answer, either, when shallow-minded scholars tell us things were at least as bad at the turn of the century or 200 years ago.



### Fellow Traveler Of Apocalypse

A colleague has identified what he considers a new phenomenon in the culture. He calls it "the fellow traveler of the apocalypse." They are, he notes, becoming increasingly prominent on the literary and journalistic scene.

During the 1930s and 1940s the term "fellow traveler" was familiar enough. It referred to an individual who agreed with the Communist Party on virtually everything, but refrained from joining. He wanted the joys of being seduced, but also the comfort of not being entirely involved. This role had a special appeal for literary types and other verbalists, who enjoyed the rhetoric of revolution and the rather sulphuric atmosphere surrounding Joseph Stalin, but who did not really want to sit through long meetings or march on picket lines or perform a bit of espionage. The British scholar David Caute recently published a major study of such fauna.

The more recent "fellow traveler of the apocalypse" enjoys the prospect of vast and violent events: revolutions, civil war, mass starvation, and the like. He regards them with a

mock horror that can scarcely conceal his glee.

Such terrifying events provide the sort of thrill classical that estheticians associated with the Sublime, an emotion evoked by cataclysms, storms, Alps, Austere.

Thus for the fellow traveler of the apocalypse, we do not have a racial problem — we are on the verge of the Second Civil War. The tanks are about to roll, and the streets will fill with blood. It will be "The Fire This Time."

For the fellow traveler of the apocalypse, Watergate was not a bungled absurdity. It brought us to the edge of a police state. Today Gordon Liddy. Tomorrow Heinrich Himmler. Concentration camps in Yellowstone Park.

For the fellow traveler of the apocalypse, the problems of the underdeveloped world are not to be dealt with by boring things like investment or loans from the World Bank, but by Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and Salvador Allende.

All this is trendy and sw, so satisfying — as long as you yourself can stay at a safe distance. Actually, of course, this mind-set is a way of not thinking rigorously and seriously about the real world.

### Warden Gets Double Duty

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — H. Gary Wells, presently superintendent at the Muskegon Correctional Facility, has been named acting warden of the Marquette Branch Prison, it was announced Wednesday.

Perry Johnson, director of the Department of Corrections, said Wells would divide his time between the two facilities and until a permanent appointment is made.

### GM Chief For Ending Controls

TROY, Mich. (AP) — The chairman of General Motors Corp. says he hopes the Nixon administration will end all wage and price controls as soon as possible.

"The longer we try to live with controls, the more difficult it may seem to drop these same controls," Richard Gerstenberg said Wednesday in a speech to the American Newspaper Publishers Association,

### BERRY'S WORLD



"Gas mileage stickers — Bah! People who want to know about gas mileage shouldn't be buying cars!"

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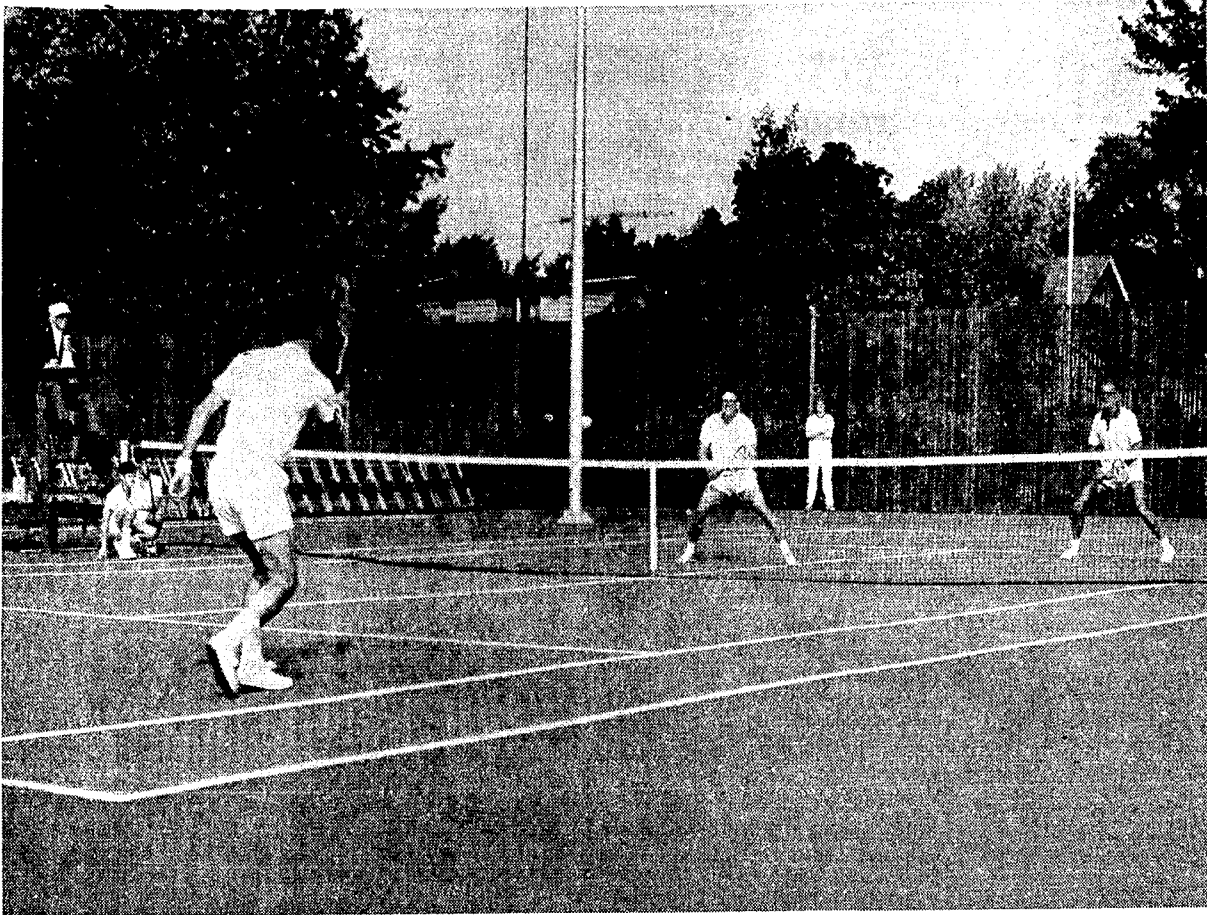
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**BREAKING IN NEW COURTS:** The doubles team of Jim Mansfield (out of camera range) and Andy Thomas in forecourt defeated MSU tennis Coach Stan Drobac (right) and Fred Sadewater, 6-4. Earlier Drobac defeated ex-Purdue star, Mansfield, 6-3, in singles match. The singles and doubles followed

dedication ceremonies of the new John S. Stubblefield courts yesterday in St. Joseph. Stubblefield, president of the Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph, the twin cities No. 1 tennis enthusiast, said he hoped the new courts would be the first of many more so that all who want to play can be accommodated. (Staff Photos)



**'CLOSEST TO OUR HEARTS':** John S. Stubblefield said yesterday at dedication of tennis courts next to Dickinson stadium, St. Joseph, that the community courts was "the closest thing to our (his and Mrs. Stubblefield's) hearts. The seven-court, all-weather, lighted layout, named in honor of Stubblefield, was formally dedicated by Mayor Franklin H. Smith assisted by former Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg and Lester Tiscornia, chairman of the fund raising committee, who cited the people who helped plan the courts and those who helped raise the nearly \$30,000 in local contributions.

## SJ Printing Firm Going Out Of Business

### A. & R. Roe Co. Is Victim Of Changing Technology

By DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

A. & R. Roe Printers, 227 Wayne street, a St. Joseph printing institution since 1887, is going out of business.

Changing technology in the graphic arts industry has bypassed the 100 per cent letter press operation which brought the firm some of the highest printing accolades in the last two decades.

Don Fette, general manager, confirmed the report that A. & R. Roe will be closed by the end of November. There is no bankruptcy involved, he said. The physical assets of the plant and equipment will be liquidated. "The board of directors voted to go out of business" Fette said.

Attempts to find employment for the approximately 50 employees are underway. Many

of the employees have over two decades experience.

Letter press printing in which metal type and engravings for pictures are coated with a thin layer of ink and then pressed against paper produces exceptionally fine reproductions. But newer methods utilizing computers, electronics and an offset printing process, has replaced the more expensive and somewhat slower "hot type" method. Letter press printing, however, is economically feasible for very short runs or very long ones.

A. & R. Roe printers has been primarily a magazine printing operation. The firm owns the magazine, "Consulting Engineer" and prints seven other nationally circulated magazines, mostly of a technical nature. These publications will have to find new printers.

It was an early American publication, "Thresherman's Review" that started the firm on its way to magazine printing. The original printing firm was launched in St. Joseph in 1887. The original shop was a small frame building long ago swallowed up by the firm that continued to expand until today the present plant covers 30,000 square feet.

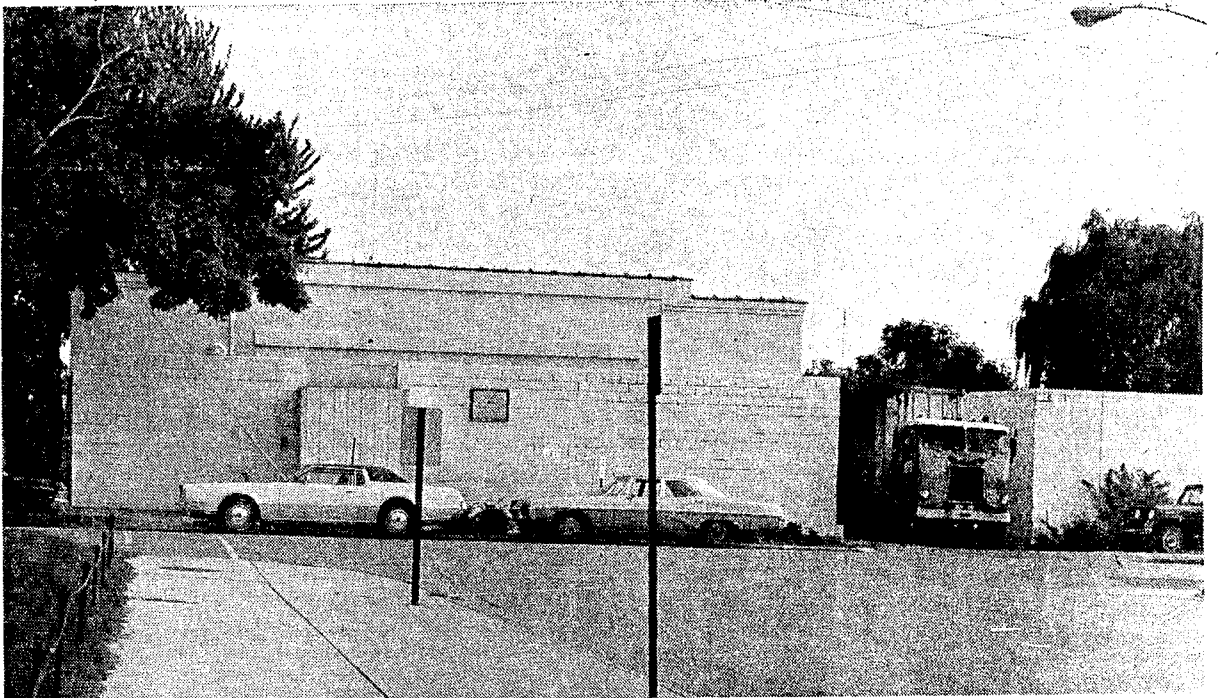
The company became the Davidson Co. in 1929 with E. C. Davidson as president and K. J. Raymer as secretary-treasurer.

In 1944 the firm was purchased by Industry and Power Publications with A. M. Roe in charge of the printing division.

It was renamed A. & R. Roe printers in the early 1960's.

It was during the 1950's and 1960's that Roe printers hit its production peak. The work force reached 150. In 1962 Roe printed 3,700,000 copies of magazines amounting to 36,864,000 impressions. The firm paid \$300,000 to the St. Joseph Post Office in 1962 for magazines mailed out of St. Joseph.

Many workers who did not wish to go to Barrington, when the Barrington Press bought A.



**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS:** A. & R. Roe Printers, a St. Joseph street, St. Joseph, has 30,000 square feet of floor space. It contains landmark since 1887, is closing. The plant located at 227 Wayne a pressroom, composing room and bindery. (Staff Photo)

B. Morse, another long-time printing firm, joined Roe printers.

During the 1950's and into the

1960's Roe Printers was a landmark printing operation for color printing. Its Vandercook process which substituted metal

for wood in backing the metal engravings, was one of the firm's big attraction for visiting printers and publishers.

Some of the printing produced by Roe Printers is in a class by itself. The wood cuts carved by Philip G. Reed of Roe for the

book "Many Moons" by James Thurber or "The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor," are a printing classic.

## Grand Havenite Named Principal Of SJ School

David L. Ratajik, 32, of Grand Haven will become North Lincoln elementary school principal, Nov. 1, Dr. Richard Ziehlmer, schools superintendent has announced.



DAVID L. RATAJIK  
N. Lincoln Principal

Ziehlmer said Ratajik will replace Phillip Townsend who resigned earlier this spring to accept a similar position in Farmington.

Dr. Richard N. Percy, former superintendent of Kalamazoo schools, has been interim principal at North Lincoln.

Ratajik is a native of LaPorte, Ind. He received his bachelor's degree from Murray State university, Murray, Ky. He received his master's from Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn. in 1964. From 1964 through 1966, he served as a tank platoon leader with the 11th Armored Cavalry and was discharged as a first lieutenant.

Ratajik then taught five years in Grand Haven public schools. Since 1971, he has been executive director for the Michigan Education association in Ottawa county.

He and his wife, Susan, have two children.

Ratajik will be paid on a pro-rated basis of \$14,500 annually.

## Three Killed On Michigan Highways

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
State Police Count:  
This year: 1,126  
Last year: 1,769

Three separate traffic accidents, including two involving motorcycles, claimed the lives of three persons in Michigan in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today, State Police said.

The victims: Olivia Merlie, 32, of Harper Woods, whose car struck a guard rail Thursday on the southbound John Lodge expressway in Detroit.

Harry Westman, 32, of Ishpeming, whose motorcycle collided with a truck in Ishpeming in Marquette County Wednesday.

Clara Cortney, 73, of Dearborn Heights, struck by a motorcycle and an auto Wednesday on U.S. 24 in Dearborn Heights,



**GETTING BIGGER EVERY YEAR:** Fairplain Plaza merchants last night saluted their 15th anniversary with a dinner party at Knights of Columbus clubrooms. On hand for cake-cutting ceremony were (left to right) Mrs. Betty Mashke, president of Plaza Merchants association; Joe Angelo, president of Fairplain Plaza, Inc.; Mrs. Tony Angelo, Sr., honorary president of Plaza, Inc.; David Ohman, treasurer of Plaza merchants; and Mrs. Rose Sobczyk, secretary of Plaza, Inc. (Staff photo)

## Girl Wins \$6,869 In Dog Bite Case

A consent judgment Wednesday in Berrien circuit court awards \$6,869 to a 9-year-old girl bitten on the face by a dog in June 1969.

The award settles a suit filed last year by Willard McCormick, of Van Buren, Ark., and Roberta Wagner, a local legal guardian of the child.

The suit asked damages of \$37,000 for injuries suffered by Melody McCormick when bitten by the dog on a Bainbridge township farm owned by Louis Bujack.

Representing the McCormick's in Judge William S. White's court were Attys. Robert Yampolsky and Donald Bleich of St. Joseph. Bujack was represented by Atty. Bruce Conybeare of St. Joseph.

## Benton Harbor Youth In Serious Condition

SOUTH HAVEN — Eula Lee Autry, 17, 215 Bellevue, Benton Harbor, was listed in serious condition in intensive care this morning at Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, from injuries suffered in a one-car accident in Allegan county earlier today.

State police at South Haven said Autry lost control of the vehicle on a curve on CR 388,

near the intersection of Fourth avenue, Geneva township, and the vehicle rolled over. Police said he was thrown from the auto.

The accident was reported to police at 1:15 a.m.

Autry was treated at South Haven Community hospital for internal injuries before being transferred to Mercy hospital.

## PRICES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

# Supply Down, Demand Up For Area's Apples

BY ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

Southwestern Michigan's apple crop has nearly become worth its weight in gold.

Prices being paid by area processors have reached such a high extent that a large percentage of this year's crop is going directly to the processor and little through fresh market channels.

Perry DeKryger, secretary of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association's (MACMA) processing apple committee, said prices being paid by processors this year for apples is "far an away in all-time high."

He said currently Class A varieties (Spys) are going for \$12 per hundredweight, class B varieties (Jonathans, etc.) are bringing growers \$10; class C varieties (McIntosh, etc.) \$9, and apples used strictly for juice, \$5.

These prices are more than double and some nearly triple than paid by processors a year ago.

There are numerous reasons for the high increase, but basically all relate to supply and demand.

This year's crop in Michigan was estimated at 11.9 million bushels by the USDA in August, but DeKryger feels the crop is turning out even smaller than expected, "probably around 9 to 10 million bushels." An average Michigan crop is 17 million bushels.

"All growers I've talked to, say their picking out less than expected," he said. "Growing conditions have been good, but the apples just aren't there."

A spring frost hurt many buds in the area, probably worse than first expected.

A spokesman for one area processing firm, Spielmann Vinegar Co., of Benton Harbor, said "growers are bringing in loads containing two to three bulk boxes at a time, instead of 30."

John Olds, president of the Van Buren State bank, Hartford, said most all apple growers will make some money this year, but just how much will depend on the size of their crop.

He said some are going to make a lot of money, "but the situation sure can't be considered a get rich thing for all apple growers."

Olds said many apple growers are paying off some old debts and

this year's price situation just may have saved many of them from financial disaster.

"Until this year, many growers, weren't even able to pay back short-term (one-year) loans," he said.

Laura Heuser, president of the area chapter of the Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan (WSAM), said "It's true the price of apples has skyrocketed this year, but so have farm operating expenses. Compared to the rest of the nation's economy over the past 10 years, everything is relative."

She cited a recent USDA survey that showed during August of this year, Americans spent 15.6 percent of their disposable income for food, compared to 15.7 percent in 1972 and 20 percent in 1960.

"Americans spend less of their disposable income for food than any other country in the world," she stated.

Olds said "Yes food prices are up, and its about time. If the small farmer cannot make a meaningful profit, he's going to be out of business, and when large corporate farming takes over, the price of food will really go up," he predicted.

Ray Floate, vice president of Michigan Fruit Canners, Inc., of Benton Harbor, a major purchaser of fruit and vegetables in southwestern Michigan, said this year's apple crop is very short and combined with all-time low stocks on hand from last year's

crop has sent the price of apples skyward.

Gil Weber, head of Michigan Fruit Canners receiving station at Bainbridge, and his counterpart Chet Schaus at Hartford, both indicated that apple deliveries this year are way below normal.

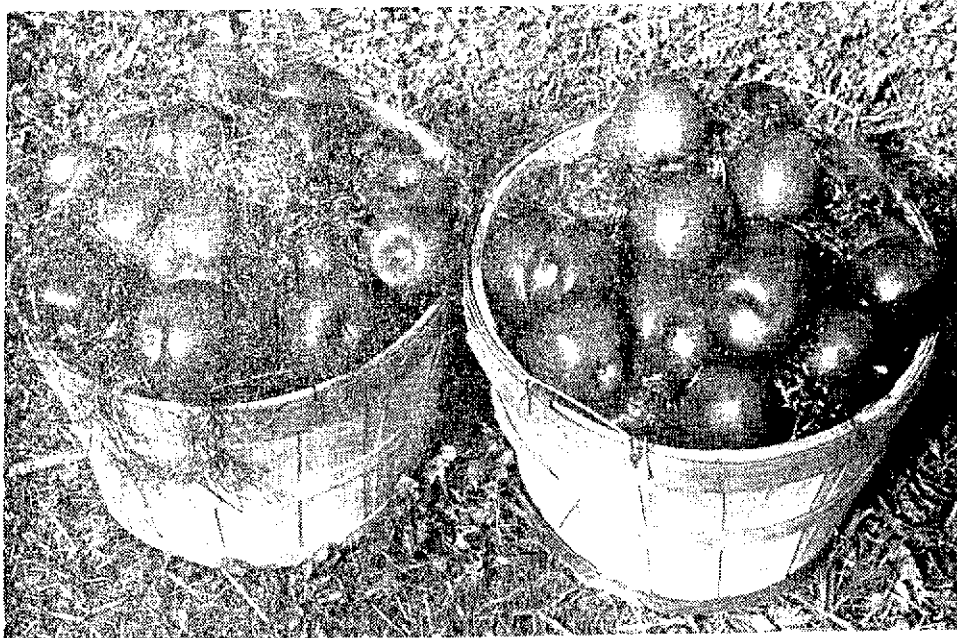
Floate said, "The crop is real short, especially in southwestern Michigan. Those growers that have apples are making money, however if they didn't, the high price doesn't mean a thing."

The situation is the same throughout the Midwest this fall. Wisconsin's crop was estimated at 21 percent less than a year ago, but John Polish of the Wisconsin Agricultural Department said it could be much lower. Similar declines have been reported in other midwestern states.

"We've had crops that have been this short before, but the demand hasn't been so great," George Klingbell, Wisconsin horticulturalist, said. "All these things seem to have come into focus at the same time."

The USDA's pre-harvest estimate showed the Midwest would produce at least 25 percent fewer apples compared to last.

In the New England states the crop is expected to dip by 2.1 percent or more, but production should be up 3.6 percent in the Midwest and up 27 percent in the West, according to USDA pre-harvest estimates.



**THESE ARE FREE, BUT...** The Benton Harbor Market Authority presented the Michigan Agricultural Commission and B. Dale Ball, director of the state department of agriculture with fresh half-bushels of apples yesterday like these Red

Delicious. However, processors and consumers alike are paying all-time high prices for this year's apple crop, due to the shortage of the crop. (Staff photo)

## Ag Panel Goes Apple Picking

BY ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

Eau Claire — Governor William Milliken was too busy Wednesday to pick his own apple tree, but he found a responsible crew to get the job done — the Michigan Agricultural Commission.

The commission which held its monthly meeting in Benton Harbor the past two days, took timeout from their busy schedule to visit the Herb Teichman farm northeast of here, to make sure the Governor's red delicious apple tree, a gift from Teichman, was harvested.

The five-member commission and their crew boss, B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, found the apple orchard of Teichman a pleasant relief from their usual hectic schedule, and in less than a half-hour had picked 10 bushels of apples from the Governor's tree.

Teichman, owner of Tree-Mendus-Fruit orchards, in the past few years has developed one of the most popular pick-your-own operations in the state. He also rents fruit trees to families and has presented apple trees to a variety of well known individuals and organizations, such as: Lawrence Welk and his musical family; Johnny Carson and Doc Severinson, and the Notre Dame athletic department, to name a few.

"Last week Digger Phelps (Notre Dame head basketball coach) and a few of his team members came out to the farm to harvest their apple tree," Teichman said. "They didn't need any ladders, either," he added smiling.

Teichman said Johnny Carson will be presented a tree contract on his late night television show sometime in the near future by Severinson.

Severinson will be appearing in concert during the Four Flags Apple Festival in Niles, Oct. 13-21, and is expected to pick his tree along with his musical group, the "Now Generation."

Gov. Milliken is expected to



**PICK GOVERNOR'S APPLE TREE:** Members of the Michigan Agricultural Commission took timeout from their two-day monthly meeting in Benton Harbor yesterday to harvest Governor William Milliken's personal apple tree, a gift of Eau Claire Grower Herb Teichman. Looking over the fruits of their labor (clockwise from top) are: B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture; and commission members Mrs. Seth (Rebecca) Tompkins, Traverse City; H. Thomas Dewhurst, Benton Harbor; Charles Donaldson, Daggett; Joa Penzien, Mt. Clemens; and David Diehl, Dansville, commission chairman. Grower Teichman kneels as he polishes off one of the Red Delicious apples. (Staff photo)

be grand marshal during the festival's parade in Niles, Oct. 20, and is expected to tour Tree-Mendus-Fruit orchards to inspect the job the agricultural commission did in harvesting his tree," Teichman said.

This past August, according to Myron Floren and

singers Guy and Balma, were presented several bushels of apples and an apple tree contract to return to Lawrence Welk. The three appeared at the Berrien County Youth Fair.

The state agricultural commission after it had finished harvesting Gov. Milliken's tree, proceeded to pick another apple

tree, which Teichman presented as a gift to State Agricultural Department Director Ball.

Commission members and their wives were then guests of the Teichman's at a good old-fashion picnic held in a wooded area near the orchard, featuring roasted hotdogs and fresh apple cider.

## Five Of 10 Bands Receive Top Rating At SJ Event



**POLISH MAKES PERFECT:** Drum Major Patty Clough of the Dowagiac High school band, polishes shoes of musician as the band prepares for inspection.



**COOL IT:** Tammy Schinske, a twirler in the Berrien Springs High school band, blows out the flaming ends of baton after performance at Southwest Michigan Band festival. (Staff Photos)

Five of the 10 bands entered in a Southwest Michigan Band and Orchestra marching festival won Division I (excellent) ratings at Dickinson Stadium, St. Joseph, last night before 1,000 persons.

The Division I ratings went to St. Joseph and Dowagiac in class A and Decatur, Berrien Springs, and Hartford in class C.

All of the bands received Division I ratings from the inspection judge, Fritz Stansell of Blue Lakes Fine Arts academy near Muskegon. Their performance on the field determined the final rating.

The other bands at the festival which received Division II ratings were New Buffalo, Bloomingdale, Eau Claire, and Marcellus in class C and Lakeshore in class A.

Stansell told St. Joseph band director Robert W. Brown his band has the sound of bands much larger in size.

Judges were John Butterfield, Mona Shores, Muskegon; Robert Smith of Three Rivers; and Carl Dephouse, Holland.



**BIG BAND SOUND:** Jim Spooner, drum major for the St. Joseph High School Marching band, receives trophy for the band's Division I performance at Southwest Michigan Band and marching festival at Dickinson stadium, St. Joseph, last night. One of the judges said the Bear band has the sound of a much larger band. Festival host Robert W. Brown, presenting trophy, said committee has to make calculated guess to have enough of the right kind of trophies. Five bands won Division I honors.

## Quick Welfare Aid Called Necessary In Emergencies

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The state's welfare department "helps 95 people for every Brooks Patterson that comes along," a state social services official said Wednesday, criticizing Patterson's experiment which used eight secretaries to falsify reports.

R. Bernard N. Houston, director of the state Department of Social Services, said plays like the one by Patterson, the Oakland County prosecutor, have endangered the presumptive eligibility program. He said

they were merely attempts to receive publicity.

Patterson said Tuesday he sent eight secretaries to the welfare department, had them tell lies and said they got \$1,298.50 in welfare payments. Patterson said the experiment pointed out the need for change in welfare rules and said he planned to make recommendations to prevent abuses on the system.

A spokesman for Patterson said the secretaries were "used

to demonstrate the fact it is easy to get welfare money." The plan was not, he said, "an attack on welfare per se" nor "intended to deprive the truly needy."

Houston claimed Oakland County has a problem getting some fathers to pay support for their families. He said the lack of such support is one reason for programs like the one abused in Patterson's plan. The program, Houston said, were created to help people in emergency situations and added false claimants often can receive at

least two checks without detection.

Houston said in Genesee County, which has less than half the population of Oakland County, 575 missing parents have been found. Oakland County, he said, has brought back only 138.

"He (Patterson) had better go to Genesee County and learn how to handle these things," he said.

Patterson's office is responsible for presenting fathers who do not make their payments,